



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Patricio Abarzúa  
Serial No: 09/827,289 Art Unit: 1637  
Filed: 5 April 2001 Examiner: Fredman, Jeffrey N.  
TITLE: PROCESS FOR ALLELE DISCRIMINATION UTILIZING PRIMER EXTENSION  
Docket No.: 469290-55

AUG 11 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2000

RECEIVED

6 August 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for responding to the Office Action, dated 10 February 2003, be extended from 10 May 2003 to 10 August 2003, for a total of three months pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) (fee of \$465.00 for a small entity paid herein by check). Applicants request that the Commissioner charge any additional fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. No. 03-0678.

09/08/2003 RA390011 00000100 09827289

02 701.0000

465.00 0P

Serial No.: 09/827,289  
Filed: 5 April 2001

**EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE**

Express Mail Label No. EU129665279US

Deposit Date: 6 August 2003

I hereby certify that this paper and the attachments hereto are being deposited today with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above addressed to:

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

*Alan J. Grant* 8/6/03  
Alan J. Grant, Esq. Date

Respectfully submitted,

*Alan J. Grant*

Alan J. Grant, Esq.  
Reg. No. 33,389  
CARELLA, BYRNE, BAIN, GILFILLAN,  
CECCHI, STEWART & OLSTEIN  
6 Becker Farm Road  
Roseland, NJ 07068  
Tel. No.: (973) 994-1700